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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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Applicant INTIER AUTOMOTIVE INC.		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

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☒ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ The international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

b. ☐ With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, see Box No. I.

2. ☐ Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box II).

3. ☐ Unity of invention is lacking (see Box III).

4. With regard to the title,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

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5. With regard to the abstract,

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☒ the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box No. IV. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. With regard to the drawings,

a. the figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 2

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b. ☐ none of the figures is to be published with the abstract.

Box No. IV Text of the abstract (Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)

A seat frame assembly (14) is provided for compactly folding a motor vehicle seat. The seat frame assembly (14) includes a pair of spaced apart and parallel side frame members (16,18) defining a vertical plane, and a lower cross member (26) extending between the pair of side frame members. An actuator (30) is pivotally secured to one of the pair of side frame members. A linkage assembly includes first (38) and second (40) link members, which are pivotally secured to one another. The first link member extends between the actuator and the second link member. A control arm (36) is fixedly secured to the second link member and pivotally secured to the lower cross member. When the actuator is pivoted, the control arm moves between a support position extending away from the side frame members and a stowed position co-planar with the side frame members.

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the International search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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